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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working back-
ward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the [REDACTED] did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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30 April 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 14/4

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

1) Oil Supply

(1) The Oil Supply does not seem to have any setbacks in its production program. However, difficulties have resulted in individual cases because of the transportation situation.

(2) In May and June Ust Usa is to receive only a limited amount of liquid fuel. Krasnoyarsk received only 1 ton instead of 6 tons of petroleum.

(3) According to a message from Moscow, the report deadlines concerning the consumption of mazut and fuels for all the NKRF offices have been shortened to 5 days because of supply difficulties. This decision also applies to wood and coal.

(4) The following deliveries were identified:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Oil Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Machine Plant	6.5 tons	Gasoline	Delivered 1-20 April
"Dzerzhinskij"	0.5	Petroleum	"
of the NK for	6	Motor oil	"
Food Industry	31	Mazut	"
Astrakhan	13,000 tons	Mazut	Delivery period in Apr.
Baku	214	Oil	Delivered in March
	30	Gasoline	
Cotton Procurement	5	Petroleum	
	24	Machine Oil	First quarter
	19	Avtol	
Sverdlovsk			
Plant 76	200	Diesel oil	In April
	8	Spindle oil	
	1	Oil (turbine)	
	1	Transformer oil	
Vlasovskie Kopi	300	Mazut	In April
Yaroslavl	100	Motor oil	In April

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Oil Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Gorkij Plant "Teplokhod"	65 tons	Motor oil	In April
NKRF	25	Diesel fuel	
Upper Volga Steamship Agency	500	Mazut	Additional in April
Moscow Oblast' Waterways Directo- rate	150	Mazut	Additional in April
Kujbyshev	2	Petroleum	Additional in April
Molotov Waterways Directo- rate	15	Diesel oil	Additional in April
Plant "Kama"	1,000	Mazut	
Sarapul Plant "Dzerzhinskij"	300	Mazut	Additional in April
Uralsk Water Transport Base	100 1	Mazut Petroleum	Additional in April Additional in April
West Kazakhstan Water Transport Base	2 5	Petroleum Oil	Additional in April April/May
Chkalovsk Water Transport Base	0.5	Petroleum	In April

(5) Above all the requests for April show the following breakdown. Gasoline and petrol-
eum were required by preference.

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Oil Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Tiflis Waterworks Construc- tion	0.4 tons 0.9 0.05	Gasoline Petroleum Oil	For April
Sovkhoz Georgia	136 28	Petroleum Gasoline	For sowing purposes In April
Sovkhoz Armenia	73	Petroleum	For sowing purposes in April
Georgian NK for Health 5		Gasoline	For April. The newly built caffeine plant cannot maintain its production.

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Oil Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Georgia Power Circuit	2 2 1	Gasoline Ligroin Petroleum	For April
Armenian NK for Agriculture	30	Gasoline	For April
Georgia Oil Supply	60	Avtol	For 2nd quarter
Erivan Directorate of Highways	42 51 21 20 2 75 2	Gasoline Ligroin Petroleum Diesel oil Avtol Mazut Machine oil	For June
Kutais Glassware Factory	10 10	Gasoline Petroleum	For 3rd quarter
NK for Food Industry	10 10	Gasoline Petroleum	Monthly Monthly
Ordzhonikidze Railway Directorate	100 200 12	Gasoline Petroleum Ligroin	For April
Krasnoyarsk	6	Petroleum	For April

(6) Attempts are apparently being made to save ligroin, since tractors which have discontinued using this fuel are now operating with a gasoline-petroleum mixture.

(7) The sufficient supply of the offices in the petroleum area shows that the oil supply is running into no difficulties with regards to the production program. This results in the following breakdown:

<u>Supply on 1 March</u>	<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Supply on 1 April</u>
Tiflis			
Hay Procurement:			
Petroleum	2.35	5.92	4.05
Gasoline	5.75	1.30	0.84
			4.23
			6.21
<u>Arrivals in March</u>		<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Supply on 1 April</u>
Georgia NK for Food Industry:			
Mazut	2037	2155	874
Gasoline	84	71	25

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	<u>Arrivals in March</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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Ligroin	6	6	2
Petroleum	27	15	21

Zestafoni
Iron Works
on 17 April:

	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Supply</u>
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Mazut	3	204
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2) Coal Supply

(8) The following requirements and authorizations of coal could be identified:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Coal</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Tiflis	40 tons	Tkvibuli coal	Authorized
Ingur Paper Combine	200	Coal	Required
Georgian Mine			
Construction	300	Coal	Authorized for own use
Erivan, Plant			
"Chezimskij"	15 tons	Coke	Authorized
Carbide plants (?)	165	Oil coke	Authorized
Zestafoni Iron Works	3,000	Coke	Authorized for 2nd half of month.
Uralsk NKRF Work-shops	40	Kuznetsk coal	Authorized
Semipalatinsk	2,011	Kuznetsk coal	Authorized
Pavlodar	2,875	Kuznetsk coal	Authorized
Omsk	6,875	Coal	Authorized

(9) The Ingur Paper Combine requires 200 tons of coal monthly for the production of a sulfide celluloid extract which is being delivered to Georgian armaments plants.

(10) In the 1st quarter the Armenian Oil Plants could ship only 50% of the scheduled oil coke. In April only 165 tons of oil coke instead of 650 tons were authorized for the carbide plants (?), resulting in various setbacks. Since 16 April 4 carloads of oil coke were delivered from the Sovpren Plant in Erevan. Because of the non-availability of railroad cars, additional shipments were discontinued. It should be noted that difficulties with regard to coal were also caused by the transport situation.

Turnover:

(11) Tiflis - Georgian Food Industry

	<u>Arrival in March</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Supply on 1 April</u>
Coal	1152 tons	1198 tons	541 tons

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(12) Zestafoni Iron Works. Situation on 17 April.

	<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Supply</u>
Tkvibuli coal	---	---	788 tons
Tkvarcheli coal	---	54 tons	222 tons
Coke	25 tons	25 tons	28 tons
Oil coke	---	70 tons	---
Anthracite	---	---	180 tons

(13) On 15 April Batumi had a supply of 1306 tons of coal for the Steamship Agency and 46 tons for the harbor.

(14) Semipalatinsk received 3900 tons of coal for operating the Steamship Agency.

3) Timber Supply

(15) The following deliveries were either carried out in April or are scheduled for May.

<u>Consignor Office</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type of Timber</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Tiflis	2 carloads	Barrack boards (40-80 milli- meters)	For May
Gorkij	2 carloads	Plywood	In April
Murom (Plywood Factory)	2 carloads	Plywood	
Kujbyshev	10 carloads	Timber	For May
?	9,000 cubic meters	Timber	For Stalingrad Harbor
?	3,000 cubic meters	Timber	In 2nd quarter for Kujbyshev
Ufa	10 carloads	Special packing	For May

(16) Chkalovsk reports that timber procurement work was discontinued because of the lack of transport facilities and workers.

(17) The NKRF Directorate in Omsk received 71,284 cubic meters of timber as of 1 April.

4) Transport Situation

(19) Great difficulties occur with regard to the food situation and the placing of workers in transportation. As is noted in the following reports, the supply is not a raw material problem but a transport problem. The great difficulties in the Caucasus seem to be mainly traced to the military events in that area.

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(20) Increased difficulties have been noted during the past few weeks. We must determine whether this situation is continuing or is only a passing thing, perhaps brought about by military spring preparations.

(21) The bread supply in the Transcaucasus is insufficient. The shipment of 23,648 tons of bread grain from Stavropol Oblast' to the Transcaucasus cannot be carried out because of the lack of railroad cars.

(22) Difficulties have arisen in Baku with regard to delivering tea, because the store houses are overfilled with tea and tobacco.

(23) Since 20 March Erivan has not been able to ship any tobacco to the Red Army since railroad cars are lacking.

(24) The Metal Plant in Zestafoni can only partially carry out shipments because of the shortage of railroad cars. Consequently, delivering metal to armaments plants has been prevented. From 1 to 25 April only 637 tons were shipped.

(25) From a report to the NK for the Aviation Industry it is noted that an order of the NK for Transportation to the Transcaucasian Railway to make 2 cars available for transporting carbide could not be carried out.

(26) Kirovakan Chemical Factory requires 25 railroad cars and Plant Sovpren in Erivan requires 5 railroad cars. In the meantime (26 April) the requirement for the Chemical Plant in Kirovakan has been increased to 60 railroad cars.

The following number of railroad cars were authorized to individual offices:

(27) Tiflis. The Georgian Tobacco supply - 70 cars in April, for shipping new tobacco products which have been accumulated in Krasnoyarsk.

(28) The Armenian and Georgian Tobacco Industry - 75 cars for transporting tobacco, which were distributed as follows:

Shipping place	Tiflis	35 cars
Shipping place	Baku	25 cars
Shipping place	Erivan	20 cars

(29) Fish Sales - 16 cars for transporting fish in May.

(30) Georgian NK for the Food Industry for transporting by the Transcaucasian Railway in May the following:

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For Vodka bottles	20 cars
For alcohol	10 cars
For sulphate	7 cars

(31) Gorkij, Plant "Teplokhod" - 50 cars for May.

Railroad cars are required by the following plants and offices:

(32) Tiflis. The Caffeine Plant 60 cars for transporting raw material in June. Georgian Agricultural Supply - 30 cars for transporting chemicals in June to the Transcaucasus.

(33) Erivan, Sales of agricultural products - 1 car in June for transporting eggs in the Transcaucasus. The Armenian Executive Committee of the Party - 5 cars on 22 April for May Day gifts to the troops at the front.

(34) Groznyj. 18 cars on 20 April, for transporting the families of 468 workers of building site No. 36 in Groznyj.

(35) The scarcity of transport space aboard ships seems to be on the increase. Kujbyshev reports that a large quantity of transport goods is lying about. However, the ship space required for it is not available at the present time.